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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**NIPSCO Natural Gas System Upgrade Project Near Completion - Michigan City**  
*Modernization project ensures safe and reliable service for the future*

**Merrillville, Ind.** — NIPSCO is set to complete the final phase of a three year natural gas system upgrade near Michigan City. This work is part of the company’s ongoing modernization plan to upgrade their natural gas infrastructure system.

Monday, October 29 through Thursday, November 1, NIPSCO and their contracted crews from Minnesota Limited, LLC will be commissioning a 21 mile section of their pipeline. As part of this process crews will need to burn natural gas at the south east corner of W 300 N and County Line Road near I-94 in Michigan City. This is an industry standard done to ensure we can continue to provide safe and efficient natural gas service to customers. During this procedure, residents and businesses within a one mile radius of the project location may observe a distinguished audible noise, and natural gas odors in the air.

The work will take place intermittently from 6am – 6pm CDT within the scheduled four days. Customers are not expected to experience any interruptions to their natural gas service.

The public is encouraged to exercise caution when traveling near any construction zone to ensure personal safety and the safety of construction crews working on this project.

NIPSCO appreciates the patience of the community during this important infrastructure modernization project and will continue to work with local officials to minimize customer impacts.

For your safety, NIPSCO encourages anyone who may detect natural gas odors, regardless of whether or not they suspect it’s related to this project, to call 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726). A service technician will be sent to check the safety of the area.

For more information on NIPSCO’s modernization plan please visit [NIPSCO.com/future](http://NIPSCO.com/future).

**Detecting a Gas Leak**

Since natural gas is colorless and odorless, NIPSCO adds a harmless, non-toxic chemical that makes it easier to detect a gas leak before it can create a hazardous situation. The chemical, called mercaptan, smells a lot like rotten eggs.

**When You Smell Gas Outside**

If you suspect a leak outside, NIPSCO offers the following safety reminders:

- Turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you might be using
- Leave the area quickly Warn others to stay away from the area Remain outside until NIPSCO can send someone to check on the source of the odor An odor of gas outside your home should be reported just as you would report an inside odor. Gas leaks from service lines could migrate into your home through walls or drain lines.

For more safety related information, visit [NIPSCO.com/StaySafe](https://www.nipSCO.com/StaySafe).

**About NIPSCO:** Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), with headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana, has proudly served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. As Indiana's largest natural gas distribution company and the second-largest electric distribution company, NIPSCO serves approximately 810,000 natural gas and 460,000 electric customers across 32 counties. NIPSCO is part of NiSource's (NYSE: NI) seven regulated utility companies. NiSource is one of the largest fully regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 4 million natural gas and electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about NIPSCO and NiSource is available at [NIPSCO.com](https://www.nipSCO.com) and [NiSource.com](https://www.nisource.com).

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